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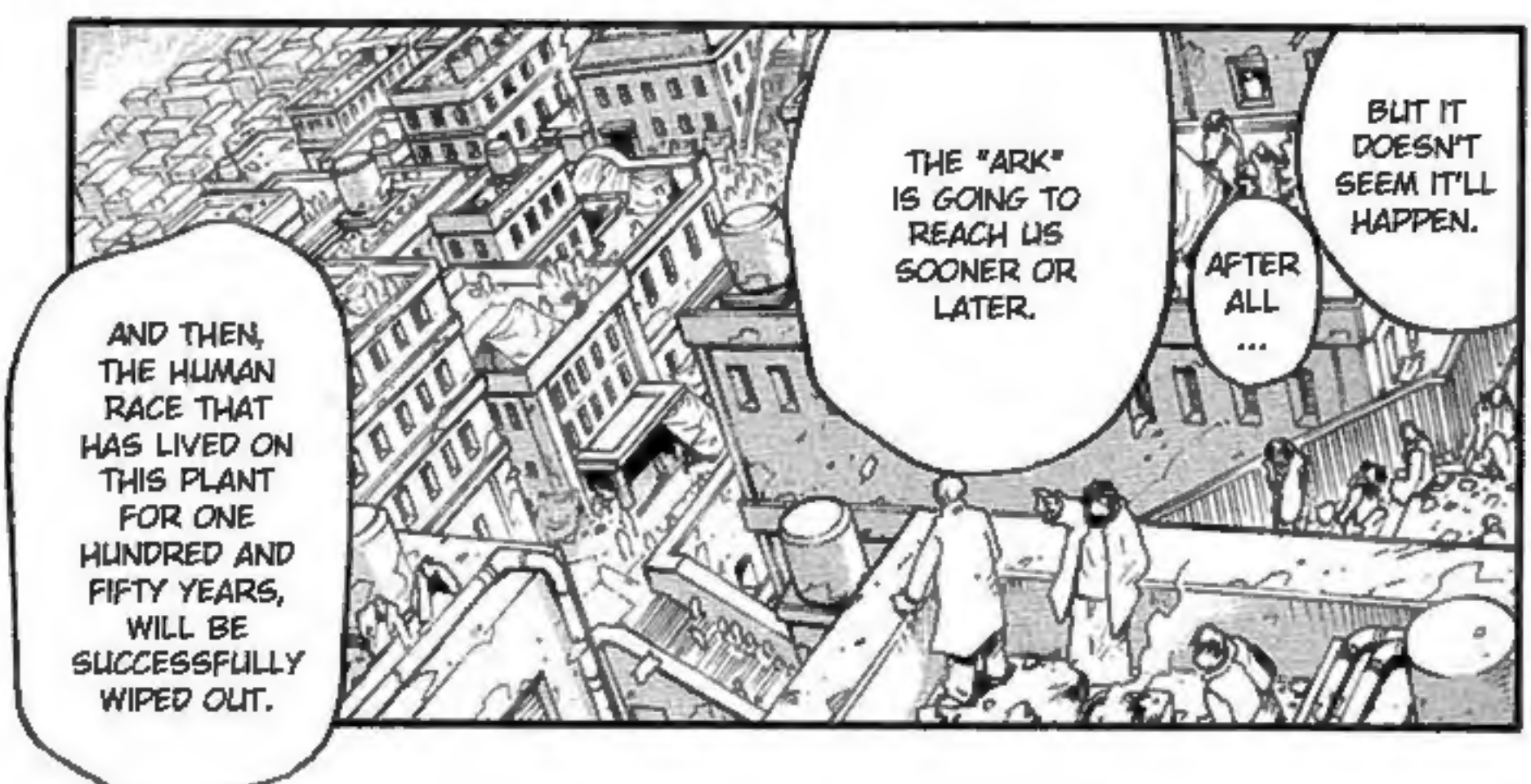
SPECIAL THANKS TO: ECCHIGO - FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND AIDE

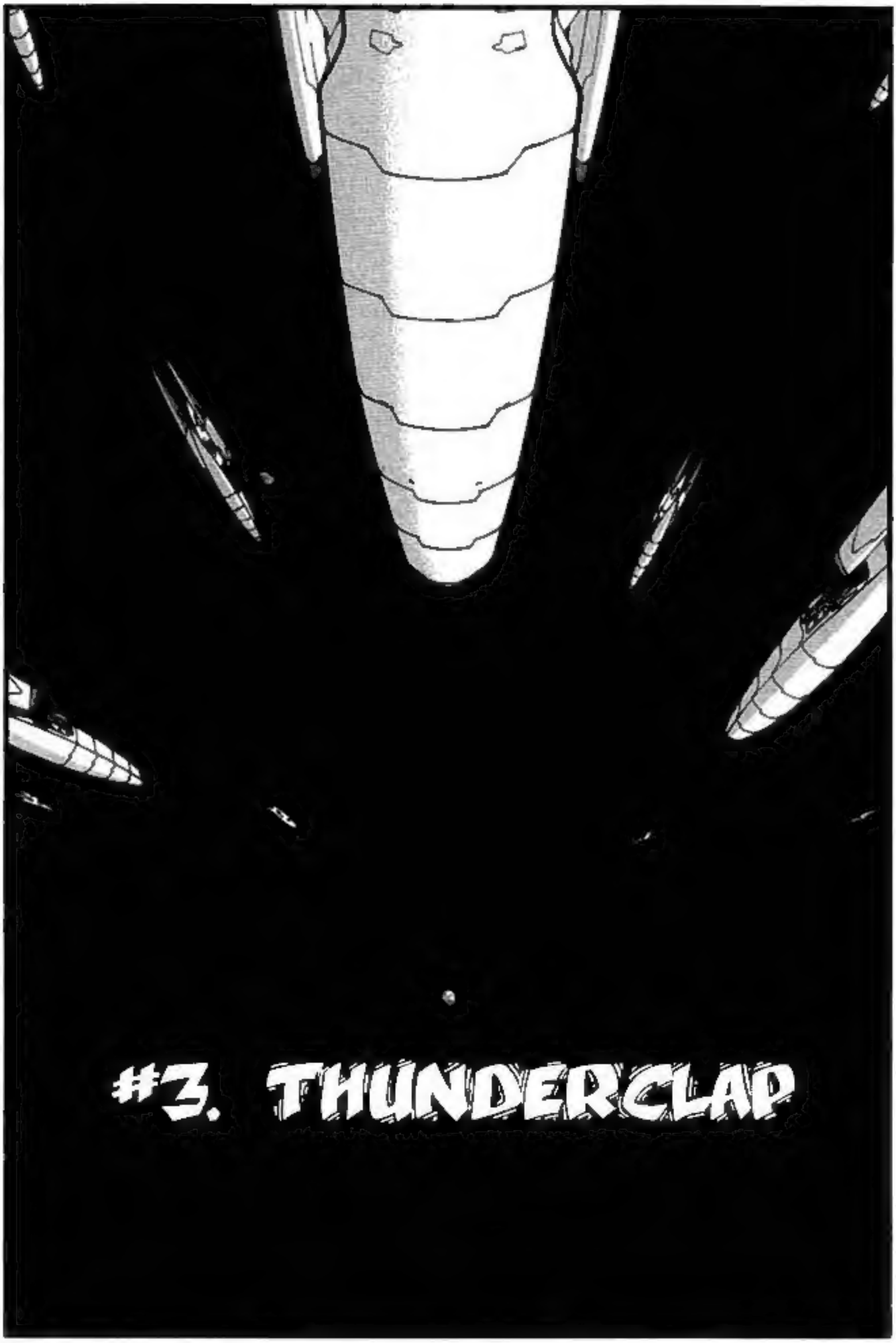
THAT RADIO BROAD-CAST !!
HEAR WHAT ?
HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

HURRY, OR WE'LL MISS IT!!
SHE'S PREPARING TO GIVE THEM A RESPONSE, AS WE SPEAK!!
MISS LUIDA ?
IT ALL SOUNDS LIKE RUBBISH TO ME! WHAT DID SHE SAY ABOUT IT?

OF COURSE, IT'D BE WONDER-FUL IF THEY REALLY COULD SAVE US...
AFTER WE'VE DONE THIS MUCH?
CAN... THEY REALLY HELP US?

HONESTLY... WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE ALL OF THIS...


AND THEN, THE HUMAN RACE THAT HAS LIVED ON THIS PLANT FOR ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS, WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY WIPED OUT.
THE "ARK" IS GOING TO REACH US SOONER OR LATER.
AFTER ALL ...
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM IT'LL HAPPEN.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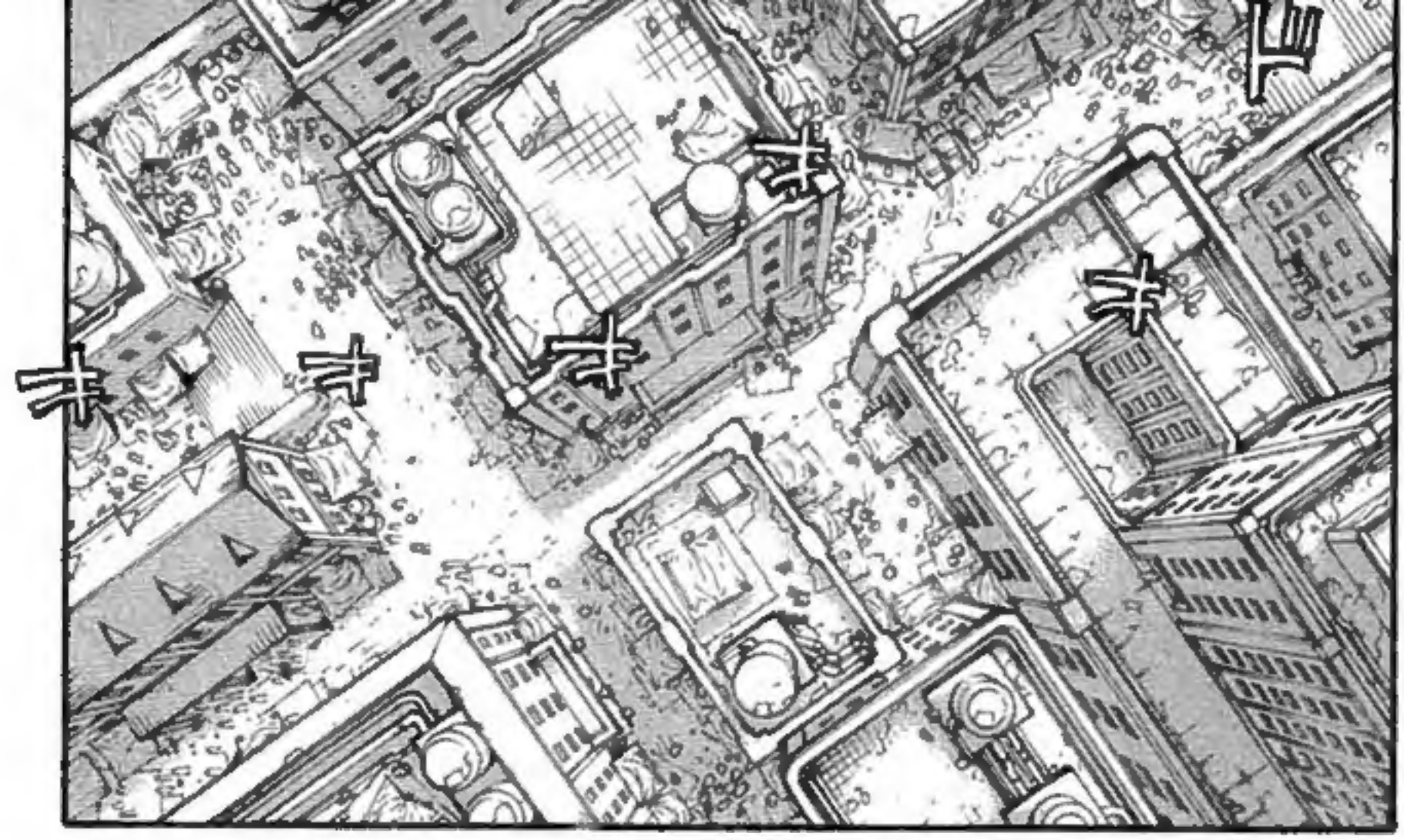

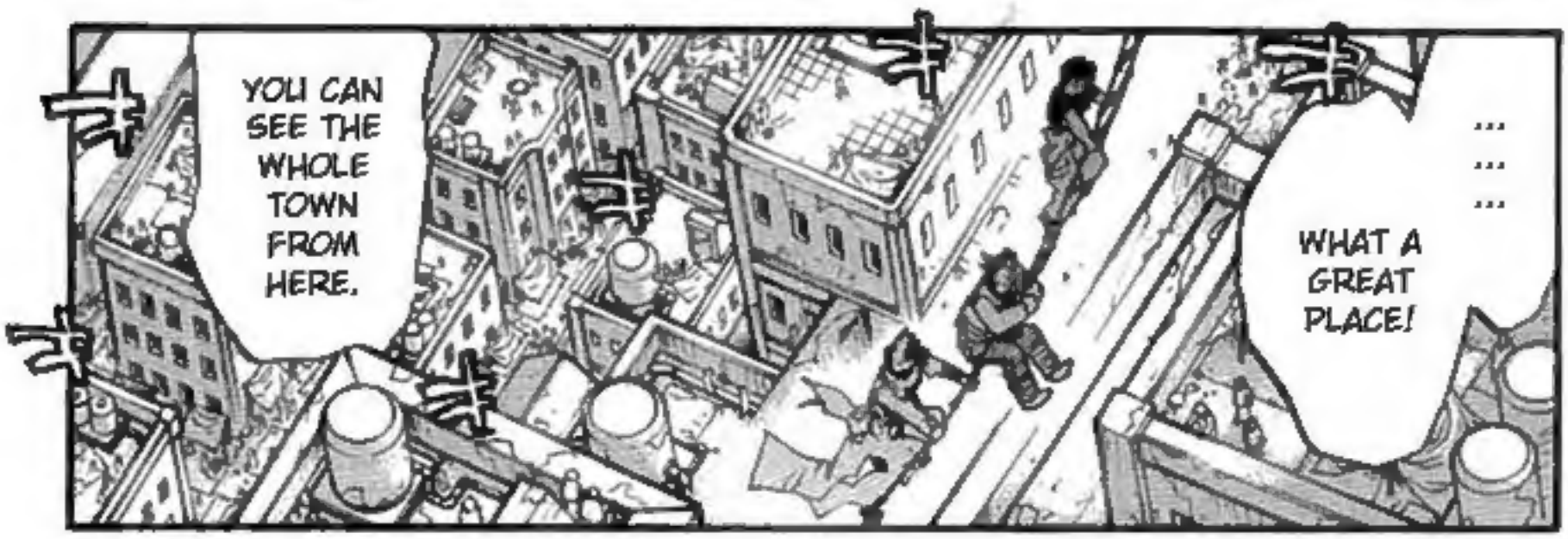
YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE TOWN FROM HERE.
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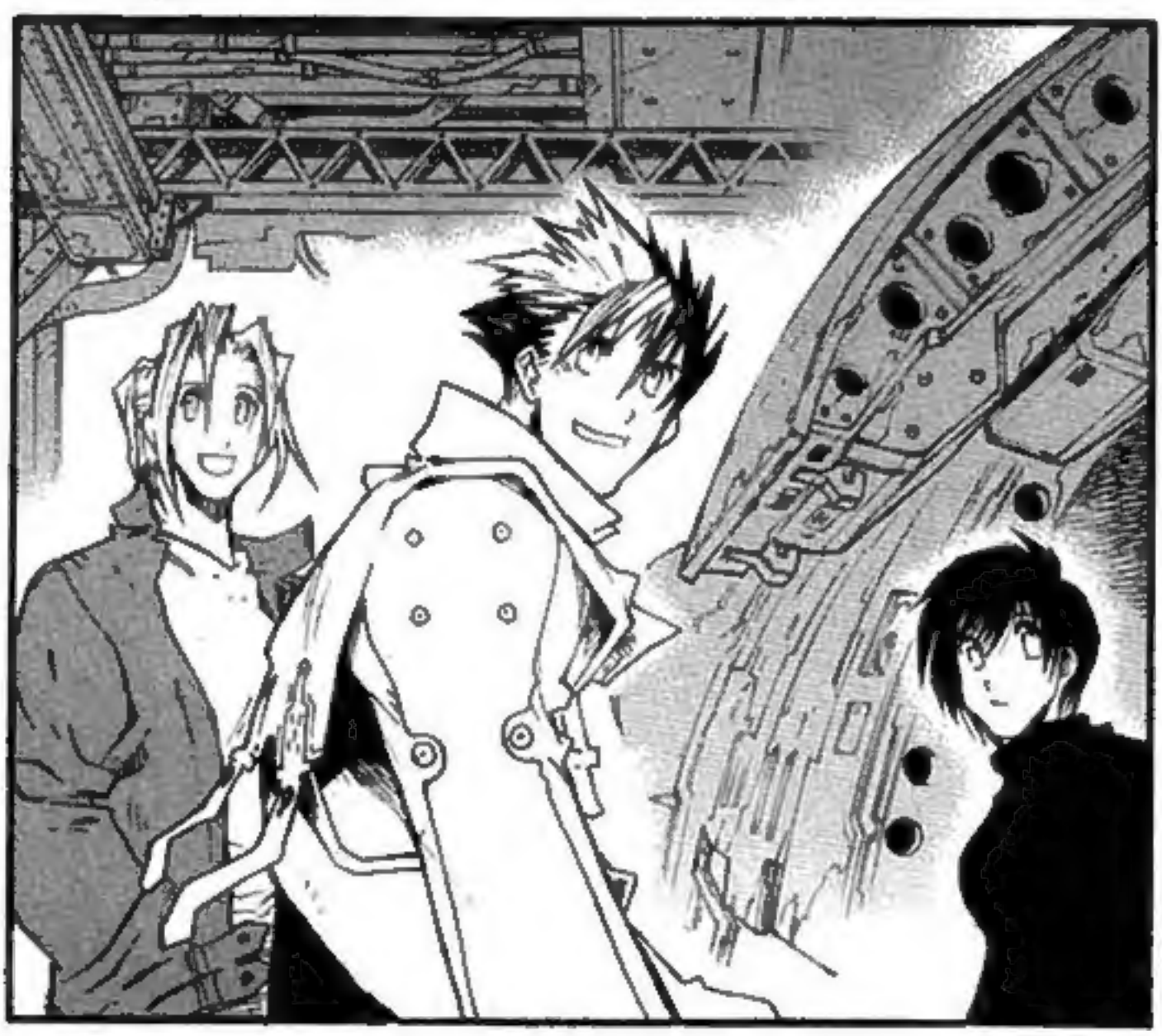
WHAT A GREAT PLACE!

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL ?
MOMENTS LIKE THESE WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY.



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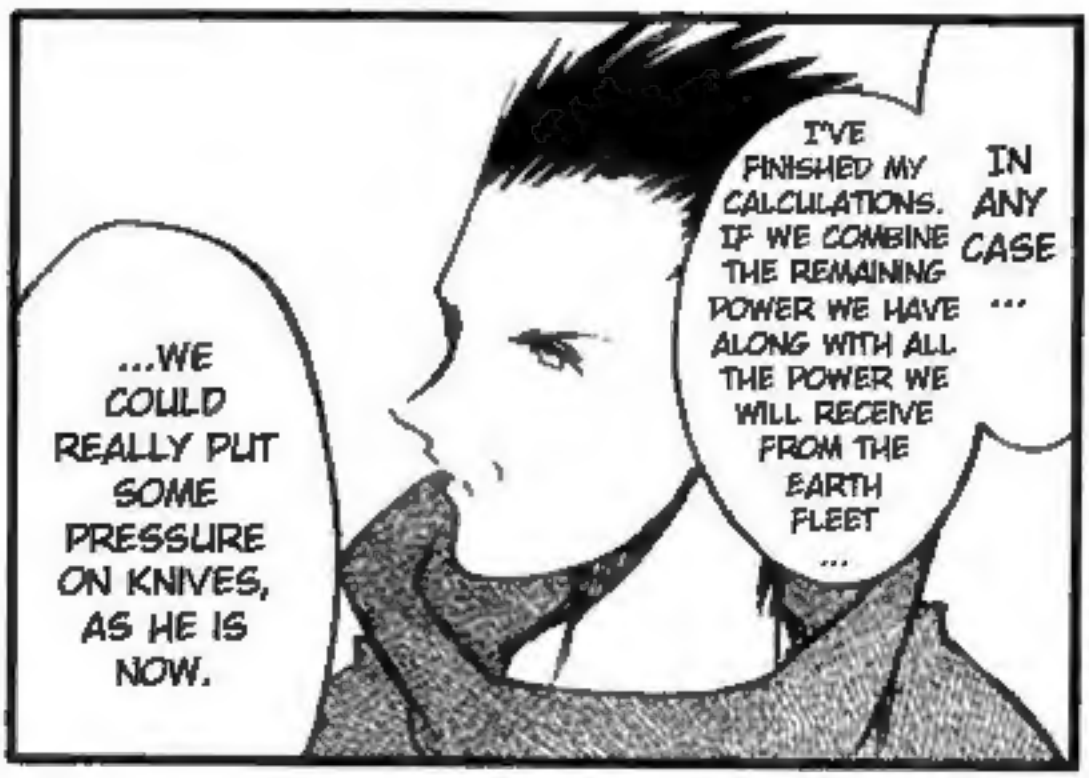
THERE!! THOSE ARE THE EYES I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!
UNBELIE-VABLE.
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'VE JUST BEEN LOAFING AROUND THIS WHOLE TIME?

LONG TIME NO SEE.
WHAT'S WRONG ...
...WITH YOUR FACE?


I'VE FINISHED MY CALCULATIONS. IF WE COMBINE THE REMAINING POWER WE HAVE ALONG WITH ALL THE POWER WE WILL RECEIVE FROM THE EARTH FLEET ...
IN ANY CASE ...
...WE COULD REALLY PUT SOME PRESSURE ON KNIVES, AS HE IS NOW.

AH, BUT AT A TIME LIKE THIS ...
MORE THAN ANYTHING I JUST WANTED TO SIT AND THINK FOR A WHILE...

WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO COME TOO?
OF COURSE. AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH ALL OF THIS ...

LET'S GO EXPLAIN THINGS TO HIM.
MISS LUIDA !!
HE SEEMS QUITE DISTRES-SED.

AND, BEST OF ALL ...

LET'S BEGIN BY CHECKING ALL THE LUGGAGE!

COME ON!!

COME ON, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

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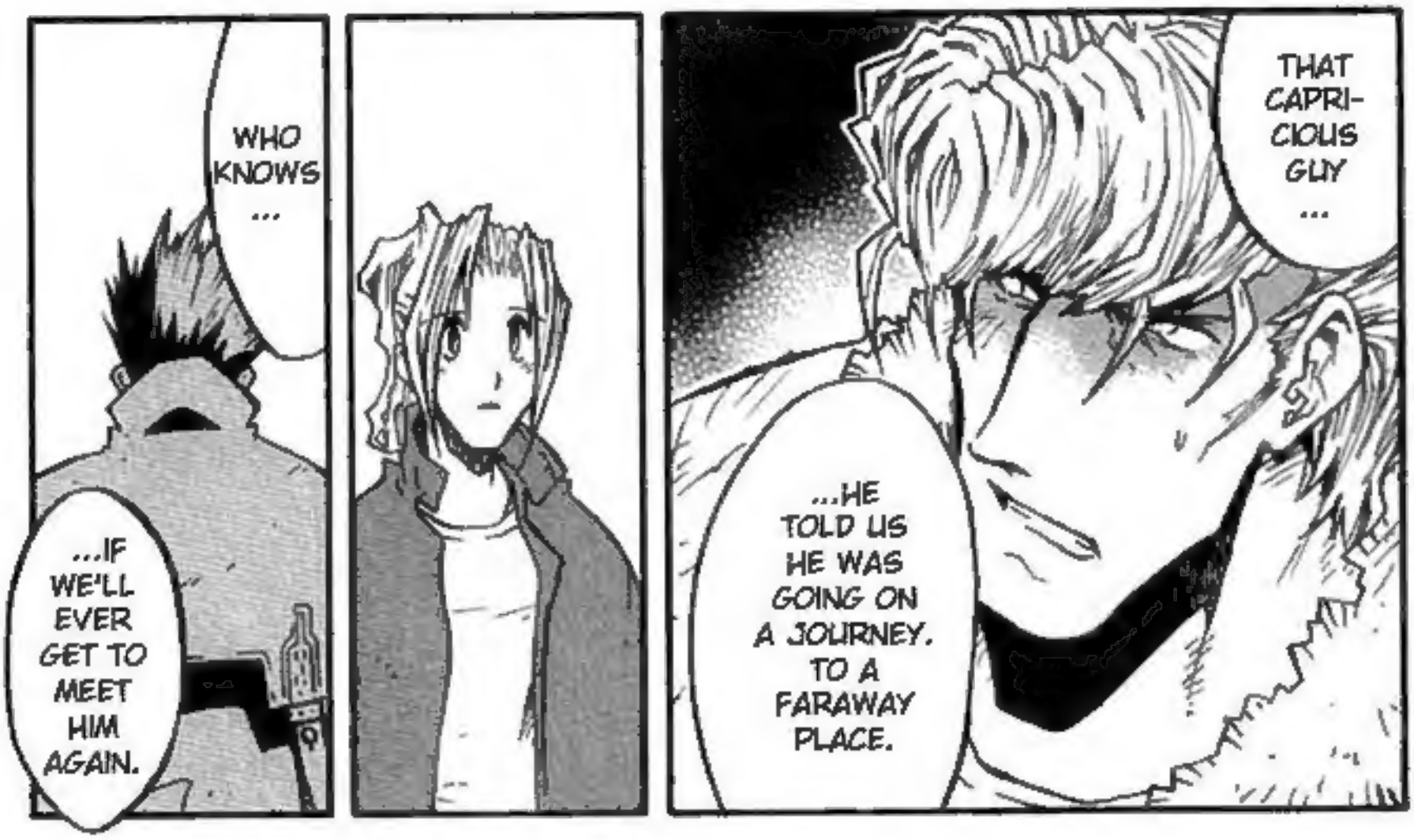
THE PRIEST ...


THAT CAPRI-CIOUS GUY ...
...HE TOLD US HE WAS GOING ON A JOURNEY. TO A FARAWAY PLACE.
WHO KNOWS ...
...IF WE'LL EVER GET TO MEET HIM AGAIN.

WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST HAD A FAREWELL PARTY FOR HIM...
AH... IS... IS THAT SO?
TOO BAD.

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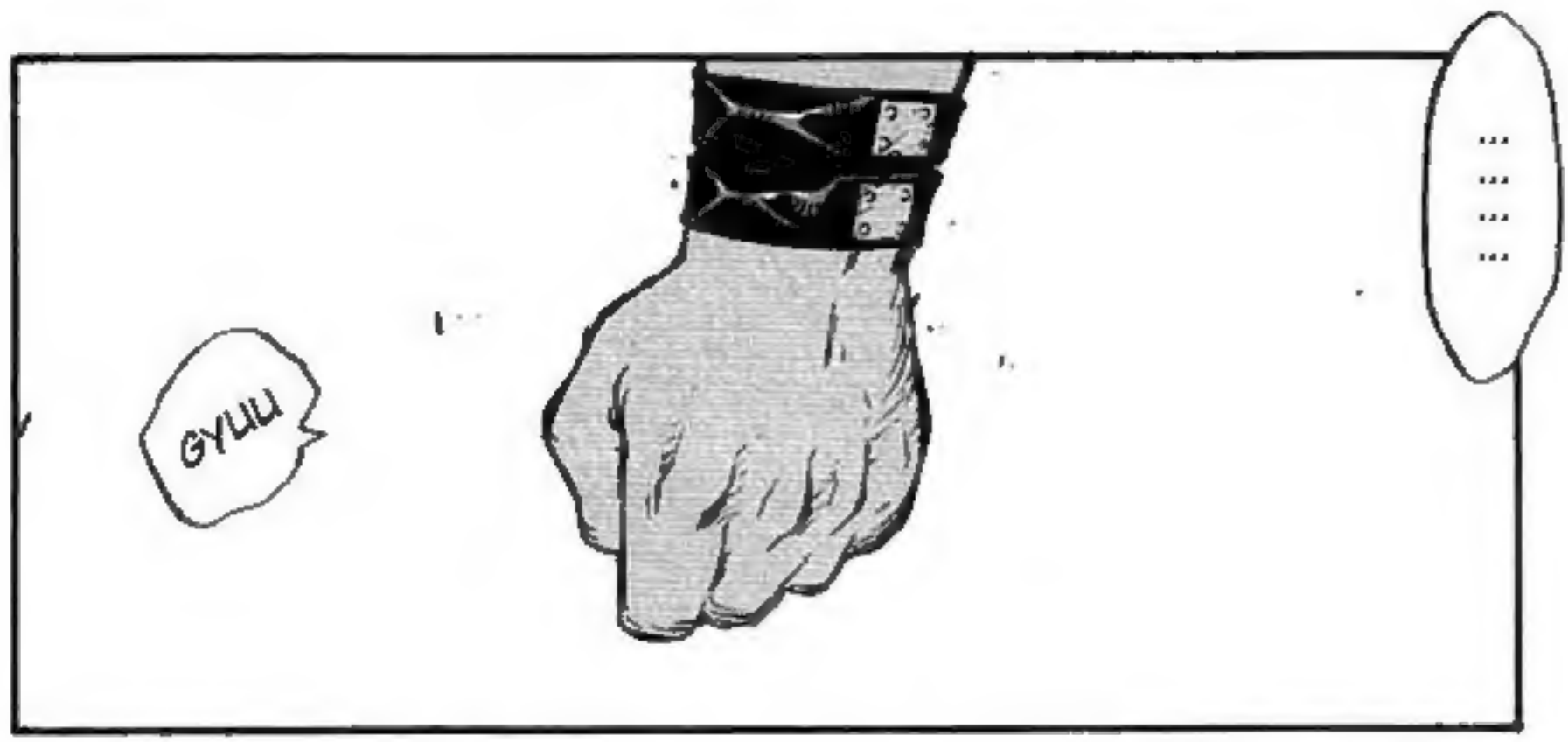
EHH.. EHHH... EHH... EHHH...

GUGH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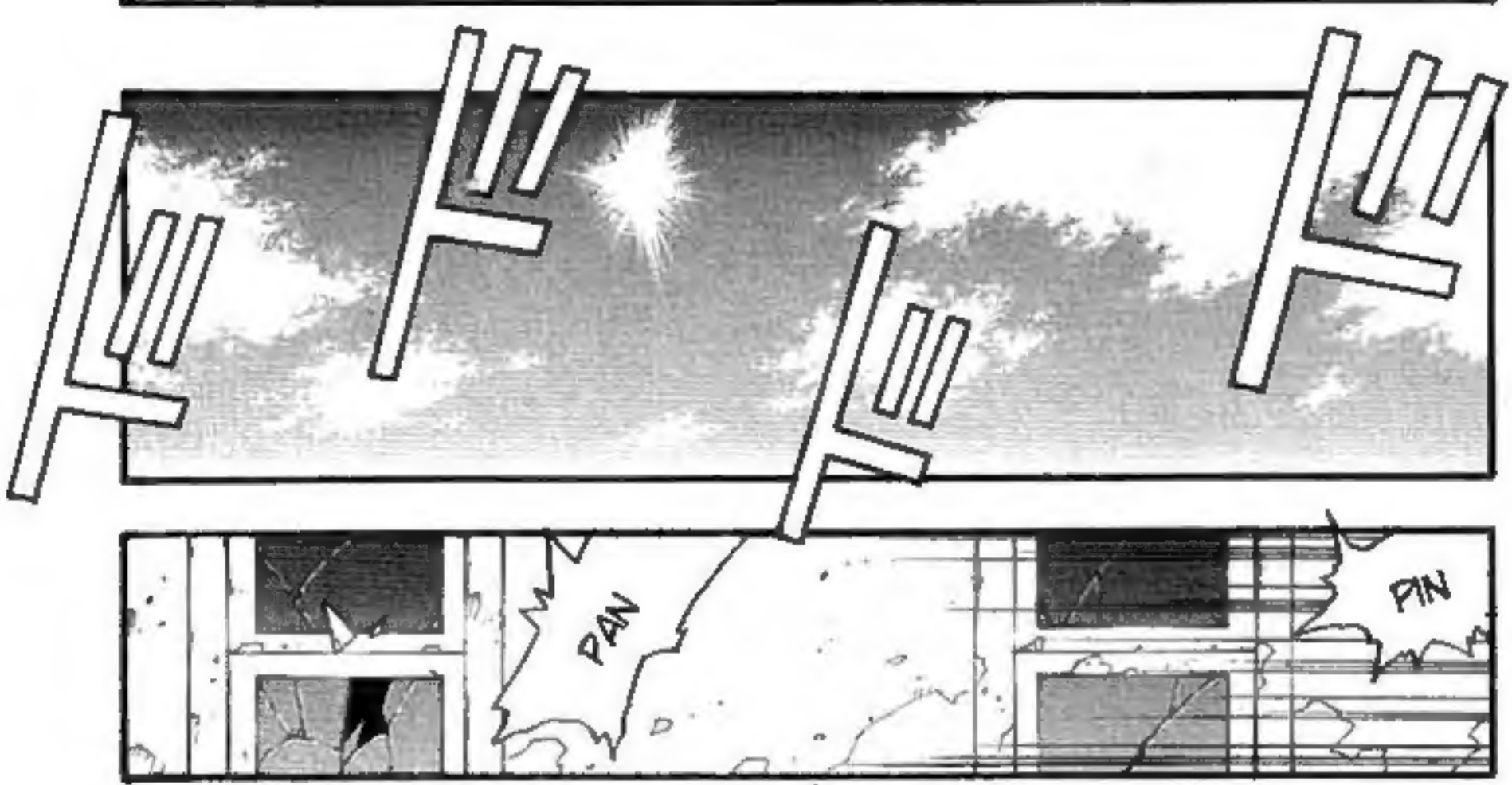
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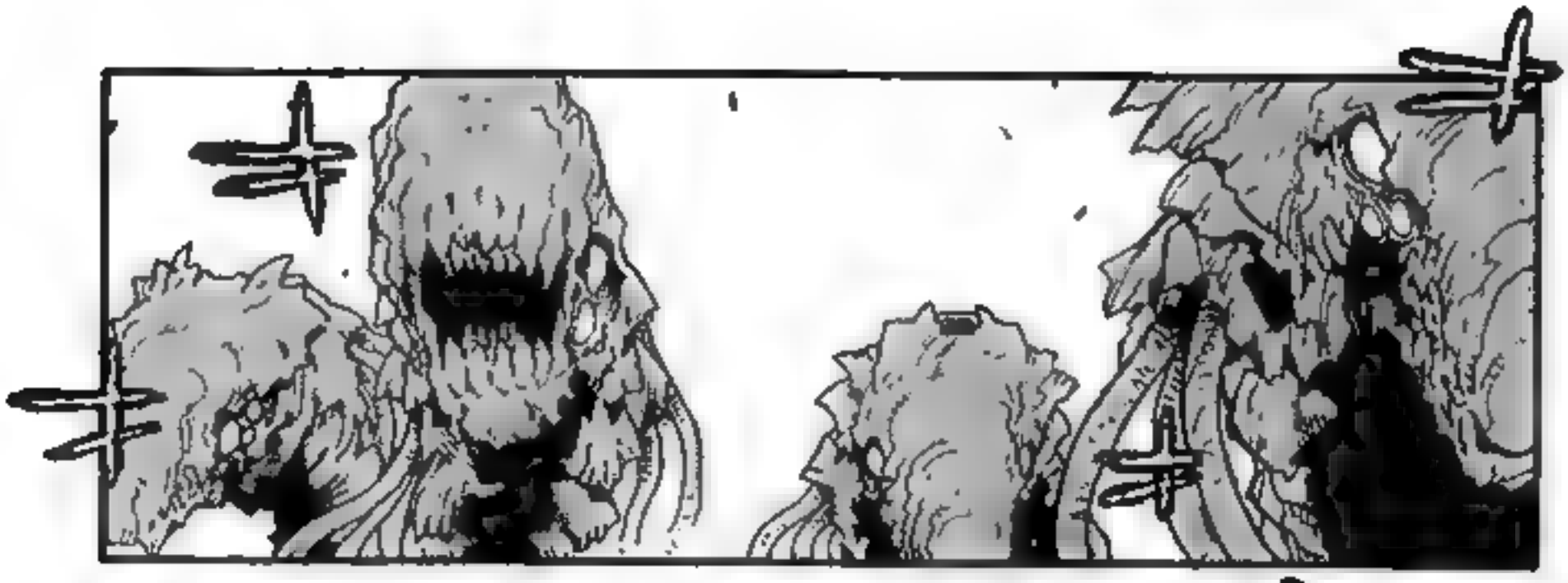
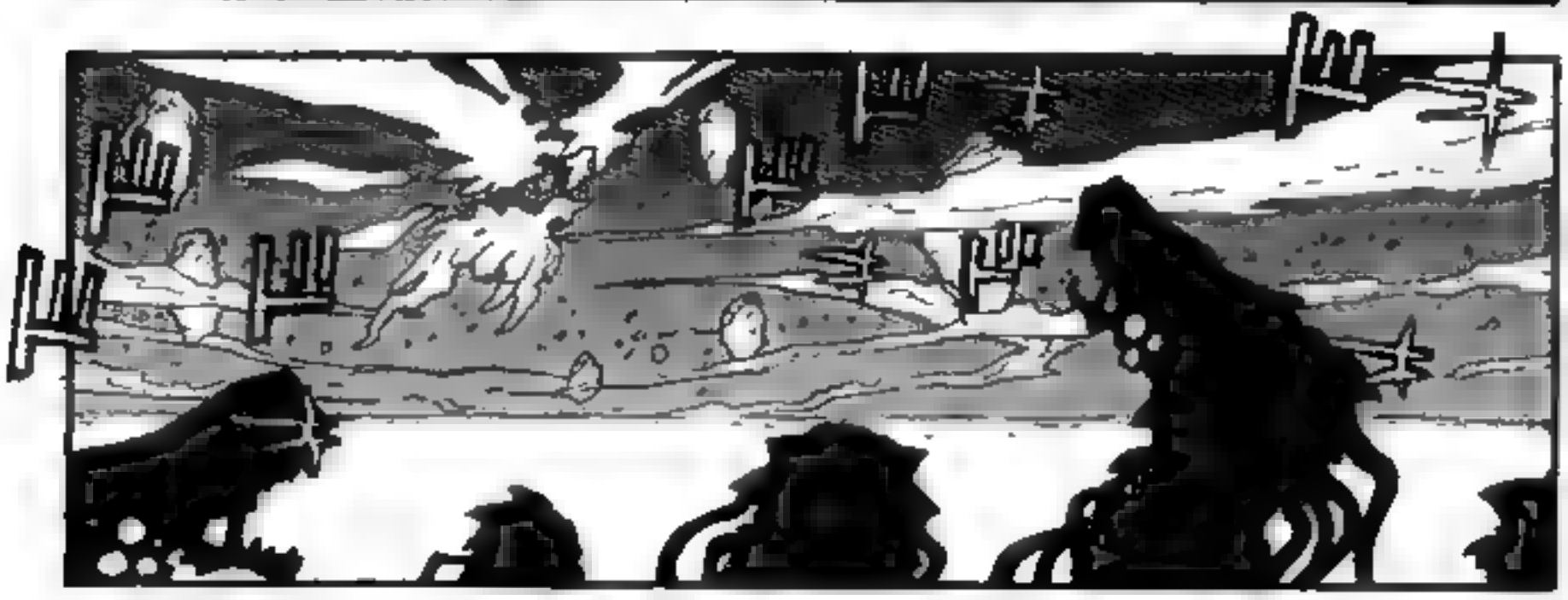
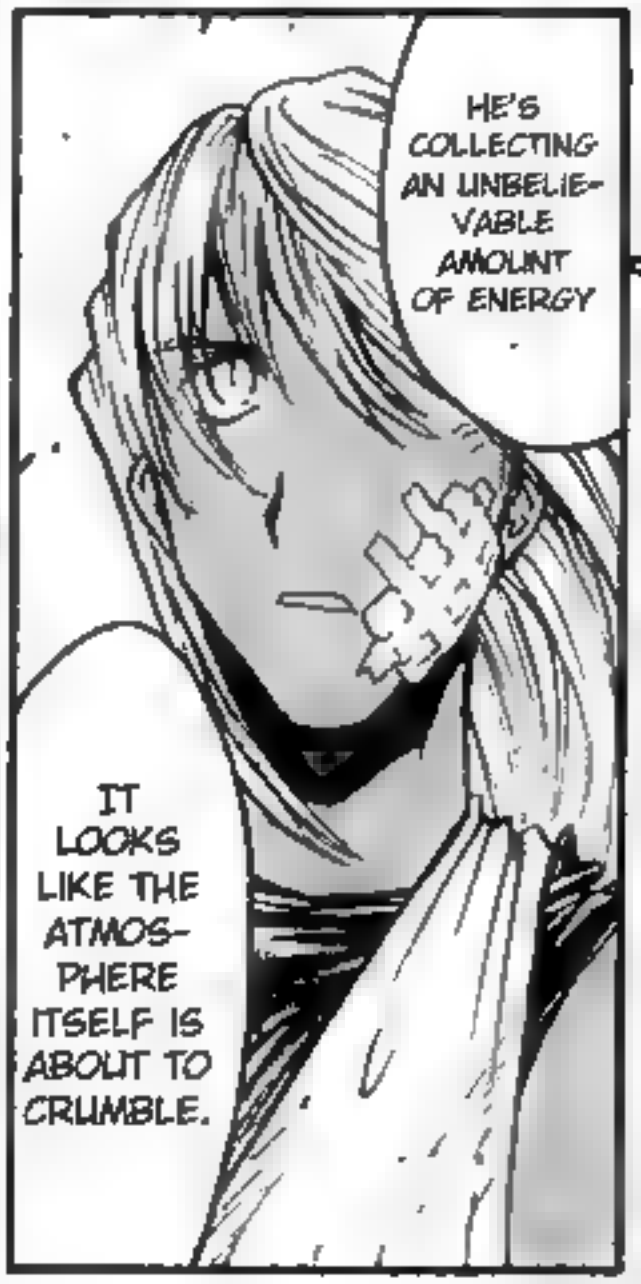




THE STARS THEMSELVES ARE SHAKING IN FEAR.
"WE" HAVE BEEN CONDEMMED.


HE'S COLLECTING AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ATMOSPHERE ITSELF IS ABOUT TO CRUMBLE.

...THAT YOU WOULD GO AS FAR AS TO SWALLOW UP THE STARS THEMSELVES... KNIVES...

SUCH POWER IS TRULY AN INCREDIBLE THING, BUT TO THINK...

YOU'D THINK HE'D BE ABLE TO SHAKE IT OFF.

..ABOUT THIS INJURY!

I'M STILL BURNT..

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ALSO ...

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS MAKING CONTACT! WE MUST TELL THEM EVERYTHING ABOUT OUR CURRENT SITUATION AND SEND THEM DATA ABOUT THE "ARK!"

DO WE REALLY HAVE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE NOT HOSTILE?

WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IF THEY WANTED TO KILL US, WE WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THEY ARE ?!

THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW.

...I WANT YOU ALL...

...TO RECONSIDER EVERYTHING FOR A MOMENT.

THIS IS PURELY CONJECTURE -- BUT IT SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE SHIPS FROM EARTH ARE POWERING THEIR FLEET ON A HUGE COLLECTION OF PLANTS.

THE #1 GOAL OF THE "ARK" RIGHT NOW IS TO COLLECT AS MUCH PLANTS AS POSSIBLE.

BETWEEN US AND THEM... WHO DO YOU THINK HAS MORE MANPOWER ON THEM? IS IT REALLY WORTH TAKING THE RISK?

THAT IS WHY, AS OF NOW... I WOULD LIKE TO SHUT DOWN ALL OPERATIONS.

...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

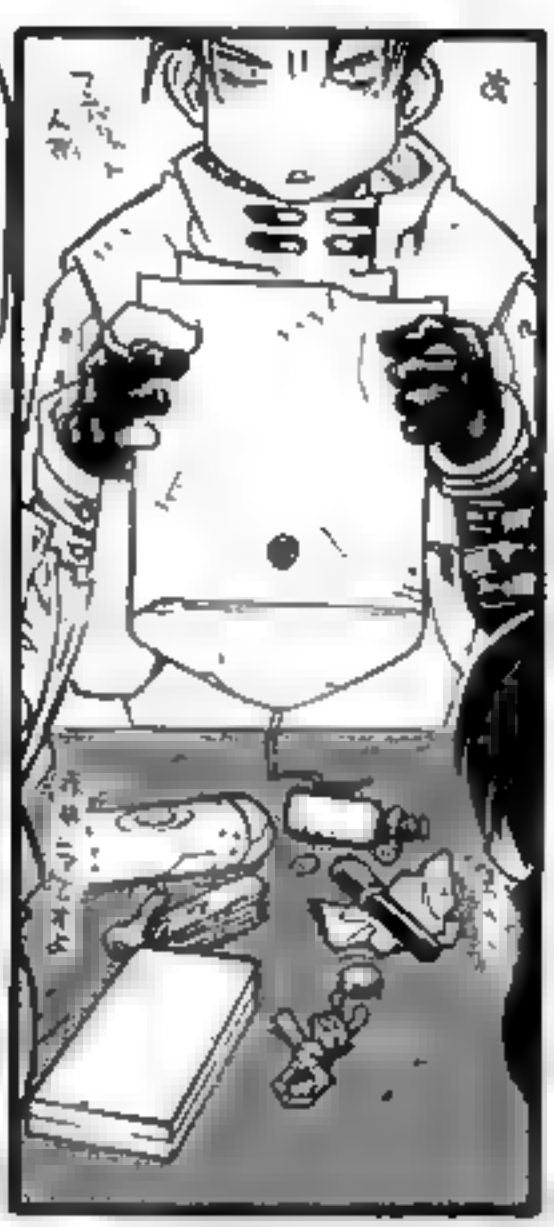
MAYOR ?!

EVEN IF WE TELL OUR MILITARY TO SHUT DOWN THEIR OPERATIONS... DON'T WE STILL NEED SOME LAST-DITCH MEANS OF DEFENSE?
BUT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTE A COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

WE SEARCHED EVERY-WHERE.
FINALLY, WE ENDED UP BACK AT THE HQ.

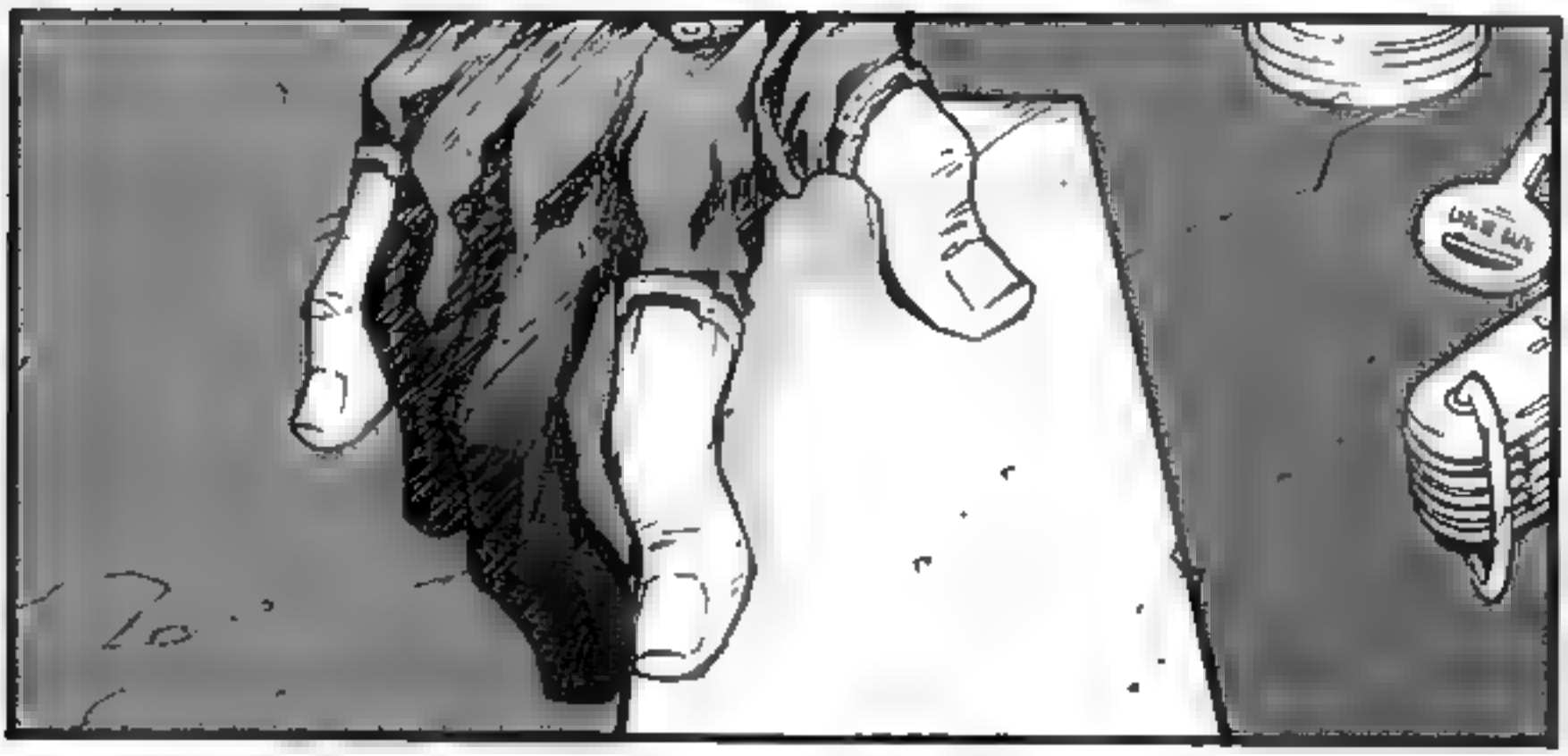
EH? BUT HOW DID YOU ...
DURING THOSE SEVEN MONTHS ...

THIS IS...
FROM BACK THEN ...
IT WAS IN YOUR COAT AT JENORA ROCK.



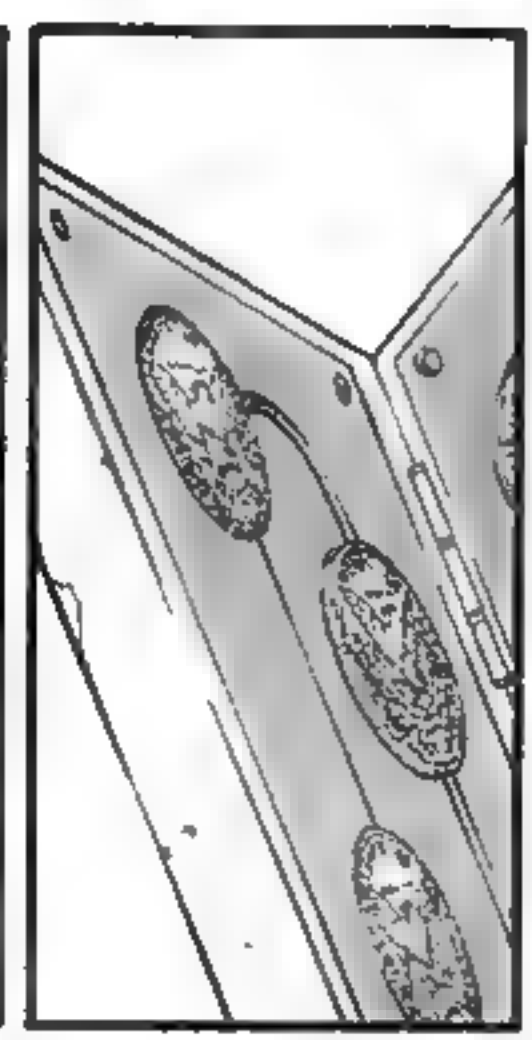
I SUPPOSE THEY'RE YOURS AGAIN.

BUT NOW THAT THE BERNARDELLI INSURANCE COMPANY IS NO MORE...
ALL THESE THINGS HAD BEEN STORED THERE AS EVIDENCE TO THE INVESTI-GATION.



WE HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DEFEATED.
PLEASE, GIVE THIS TO VASH THE STAMPEDE.
IT'S THE RULE ...

MILLY HAD TWO.
HOW'D THEY GET IN HERE ??!!
AND THEN, ON THE SHIP...



THE BOTTOM LINE IS, HE *NEEDS* IT.
IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHETHER I WANT HIM TO RECEIVE IT OR NOT...
TO THINK THAT SOMEONE WOULD TREAT SUCH A THING LIKE THIS AS A GAME...
"RULE" ...

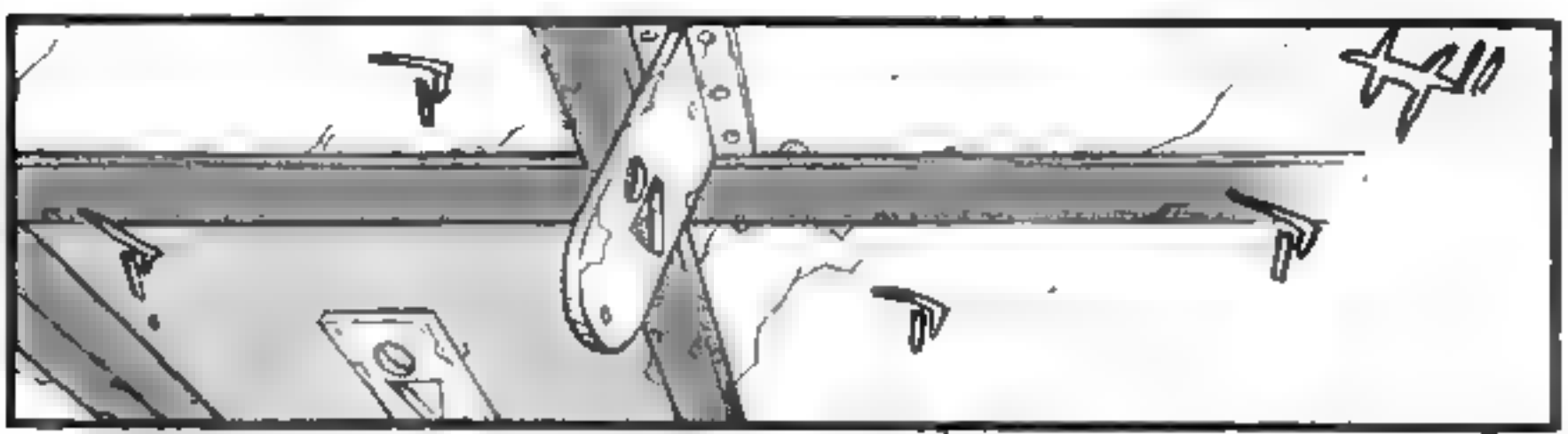
LEGATO BLUESUMMERS SAID THAT THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY THAT GUY WOULD BECOME WORTHY OF MEETING HIM FACE TO FACE.
I DUNNO MUCH, BUT I THINK THAT HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON COLLECTING THESE.

BY THE WAY, WE FINISHED OUR SCAN OF THE SHIP. IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE'S ANY EXPLOSIVES OR EVEN MILDLY-DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON IT AT ALL!
THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED ...
IN ALL HONESTY, I DON'T LIKE IT.
BUT... IT SEEMS LIKE I MUST IF I WANT TO CONTINUE.
THANK YOU.
SO... THEY MUST BE KEPT WITH ME?
ARA RARA ...
SCA-RYYY !!

HE ONLY LIKES DOING THINGS THE CERTAIN WAY THAT LETS HIM HAVE "FUN."
IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT HE SAID ...

EH?

I'M NOT THE KIND OF FELLOW TO ALLOW YOU TO CHOOSE...
WHENEVER YOU LEAST EXPECT IT... BAM! THAT'LL BE THE END.



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I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU.
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO SEE HER BREAK DOWN RIGHT THERE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
UH...
..ABOUT BEFORE...
BRAD-KUN.
JUST CALL ME BRAD.
WHAT'S UP?

HUH ?
YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG, HUH?
... ...
YOU ...

... ...

I BET THERE'S A LOT OF COOL STUFF YOU CAN DO.
LUCKY.

OH ...
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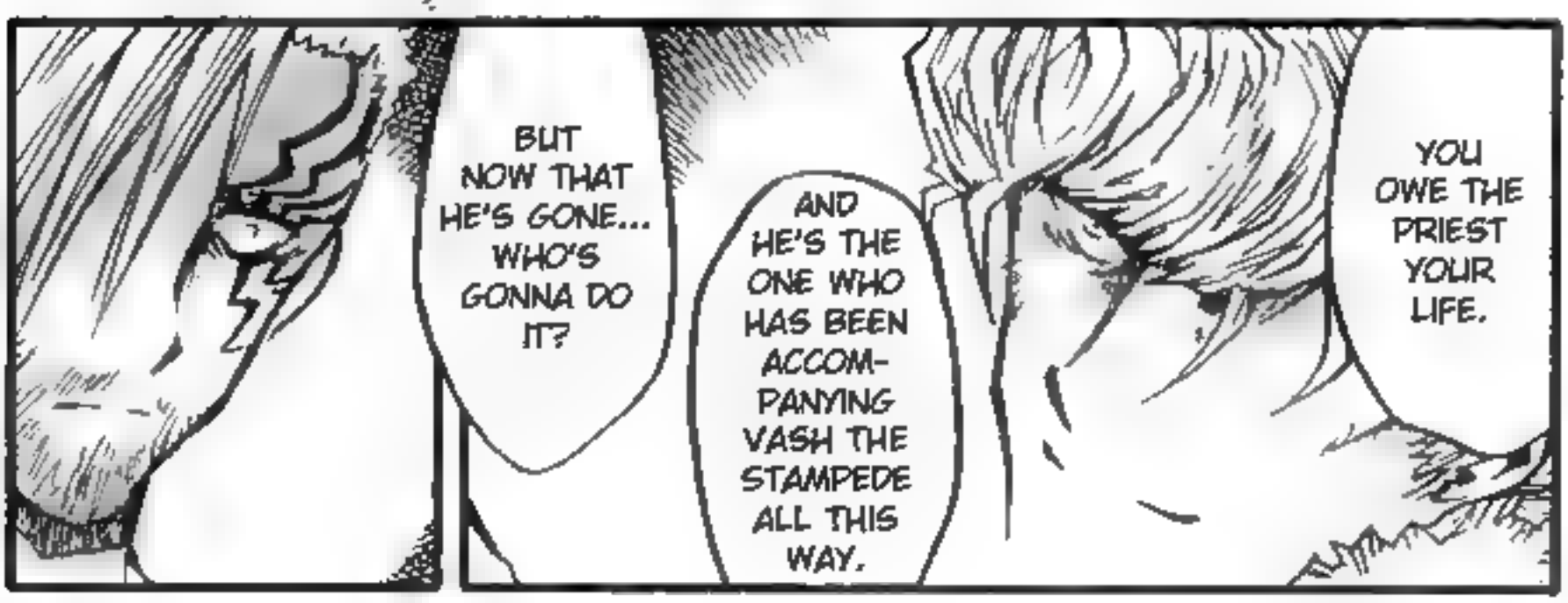
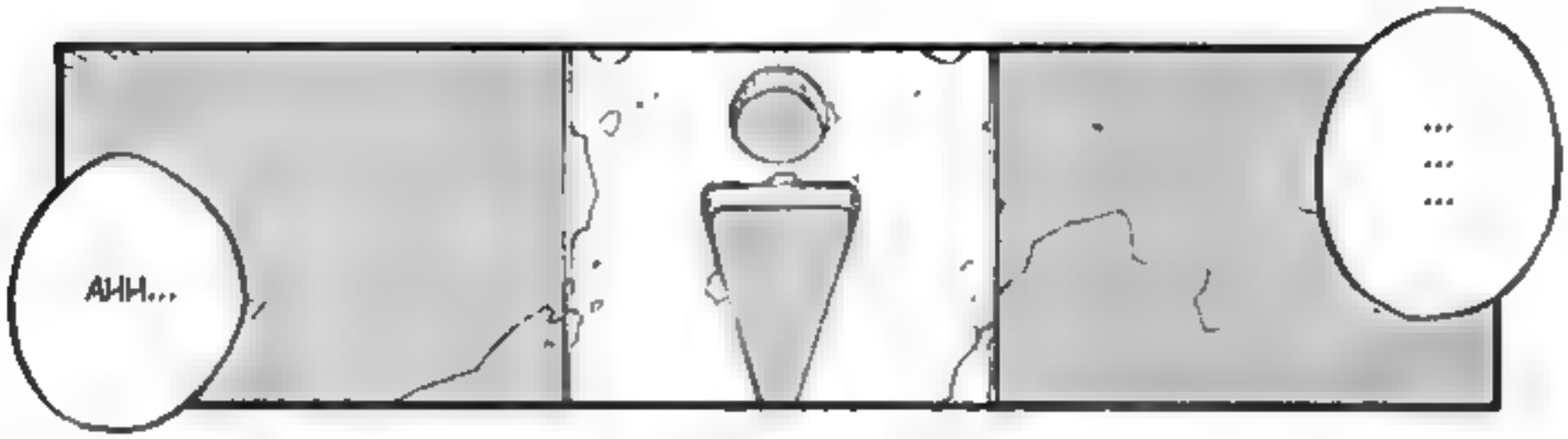
I HEARD YA GOT A PRETTY GOOD ARM, TOO.

WITH A LITTLE WILLPOWER, IT'S EASY FOR A PERSON TO CHANGE.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO HAVE REGRETS.


BUT NOW THAT HE'S GONE... WHO'S GONNA DO IT?
AND HE'S THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN ACCOM-PANYING VASH THE STAMPEDE ALL THIS WAY.
YOU OWE THE PRIEST YOUR LIFE.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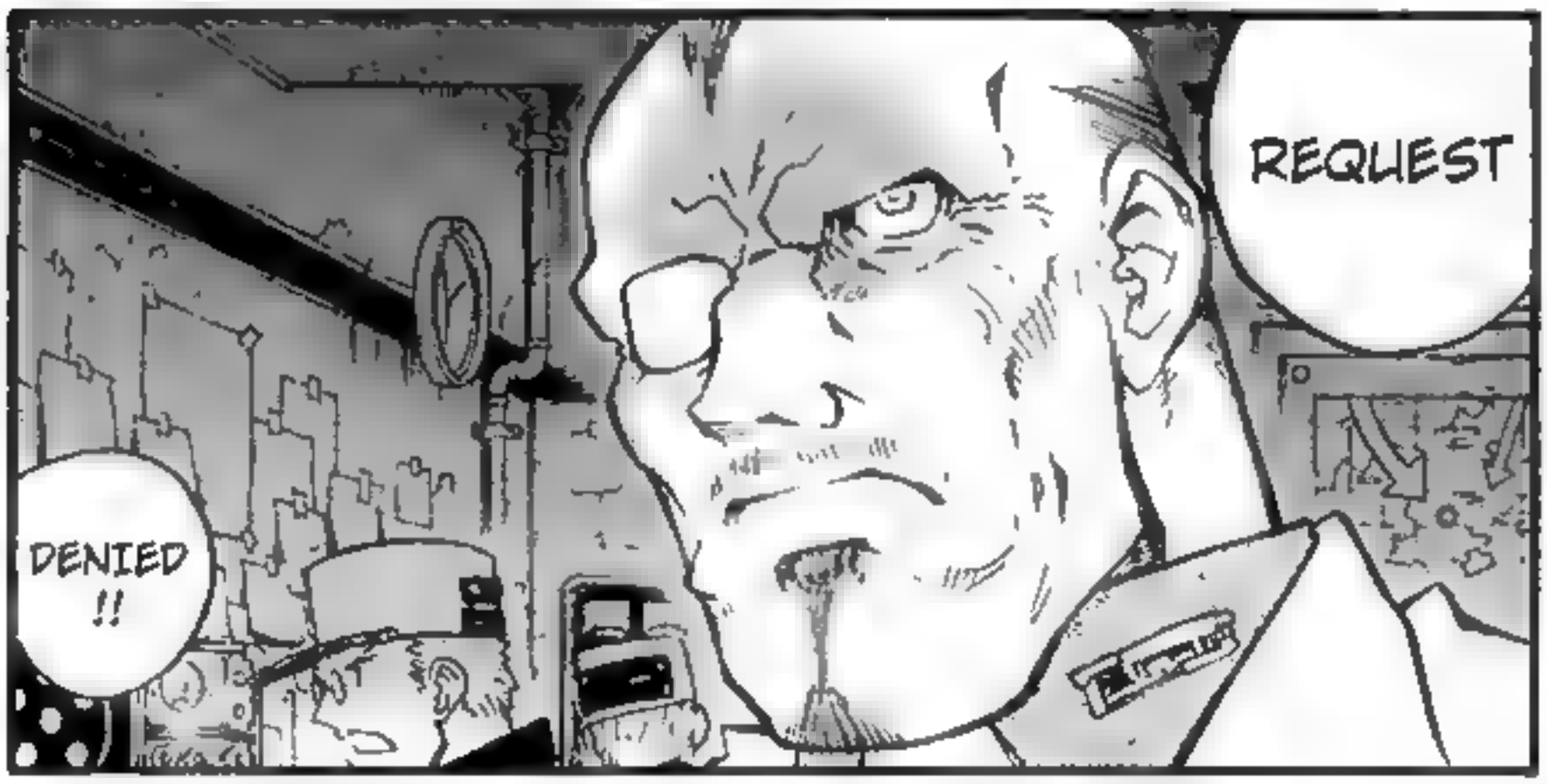
WHEN I SAID IT ALL IN MY HEAD, IT SOUNDED A LOT COOLER ...
GEEZ, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?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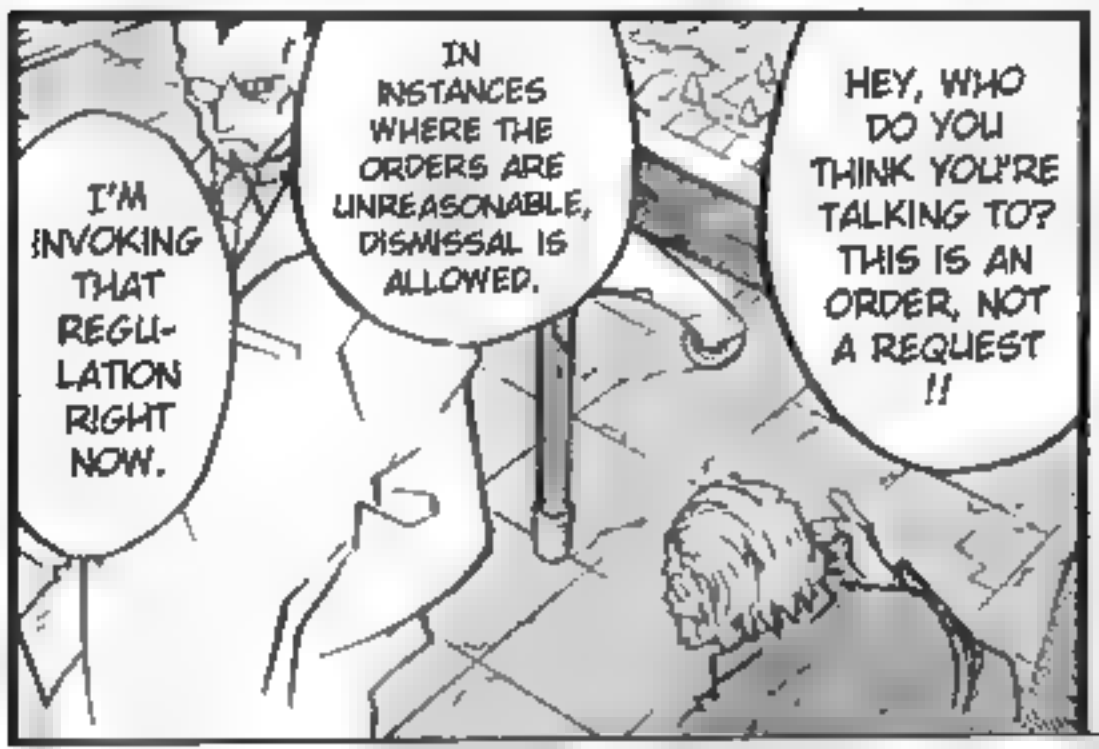
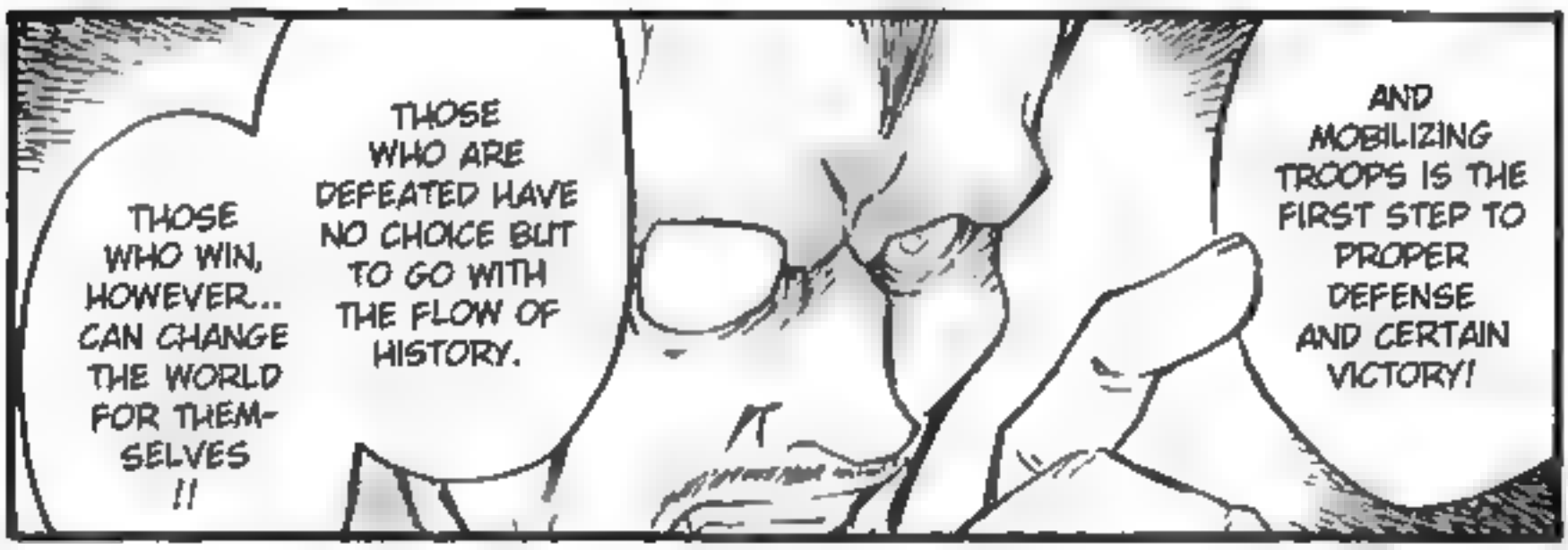

I'M INVOKING THAT REGU-LATION RIGHT NOW.
IN INSTANCES WHERE THE ORDERS ARE UNREASONABLE, DISMISSAL IS ALLOWED.
HEY, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO? THIS IS AN ORDER, NOT A REQUEST !!

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST STEP TO A NEW ERA OF PEACE.
I WANT YOU TO IMPLEMENT THE NON-AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE POLICY IMMEDI-ATELY.
LISTEN TO ME... THE SITUATION FROM BEFORE HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY. IF WE WANT TO BE PREPARED FOR WHAT IS TO COME, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE DO THIS!!


THOSE WHO WIN, HOWEVER... CAN CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THEM-SELVES !!
THOSE WHO ARE DEFEATED HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO WITH THE FLOW OF HISTORY.
AND MOBILIZING TROOPS IS THE FIRST STEP TO PROPER DEFENSE AND CERTAIN VICTORY!

YOU--
GENERAL MARGES-TER.
THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO ME FOR A SECOND ...
AS OF NOW, IT'S A STALE-MATE.

...THAT WE WILL HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS AT ALL ?

DO YOU REALLY THINK, THAT IF WE CONTINUE OPERATIONS THE WAY THEY ARE... MAKING CONTACT WITH THE "ARK" AND THE FLEET AT THE SAME TIME...

WAIT THESE ARE... 1200 45-CALIBER STEEL JACKET BULLETS...

OH, LOOK AT THIS.

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HOW SAD IS THAT?
YOU DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT HOW TO DO SOMETHING, YOU JUST AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME THAT YOU'LL FIGURE OUT SOME BACKWARDS-ASS WAY TO DO IT ALL BY YERSELF.

YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHIN', YA KNOW.
...SHEESH.

...HAVEN'T YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT IT WORRIES PEOPLE EVEN MORE TO SEE YOU SUFFERING LIKE THAT FOR THEM?
I KNOW YOU'RE HELLA WORRIED ABOUT THOSE AROUND YA, BUT STILL ...

YOU JUST NEED TO LEARN TO DEPEND ON THEM SOME MORE, MAN.
THAT'S THE MARK OF A TRUE MAN. EVERYONE FRIGGIN' KNOWS THAT.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED THE TWO GALS ...
THEY CAN'T RESTRAIN THEMSELVES LIKE THAT.
YOUR WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE, AND THEY KNOW THAT, BUT THEY STICK BY YOU BECAUSE THEY WANT TO HELP YOU.
NO RESTRAINT IN THE USAGE OF ALCOHOL EITHER!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO IF YOU SAY ANY MORE!!
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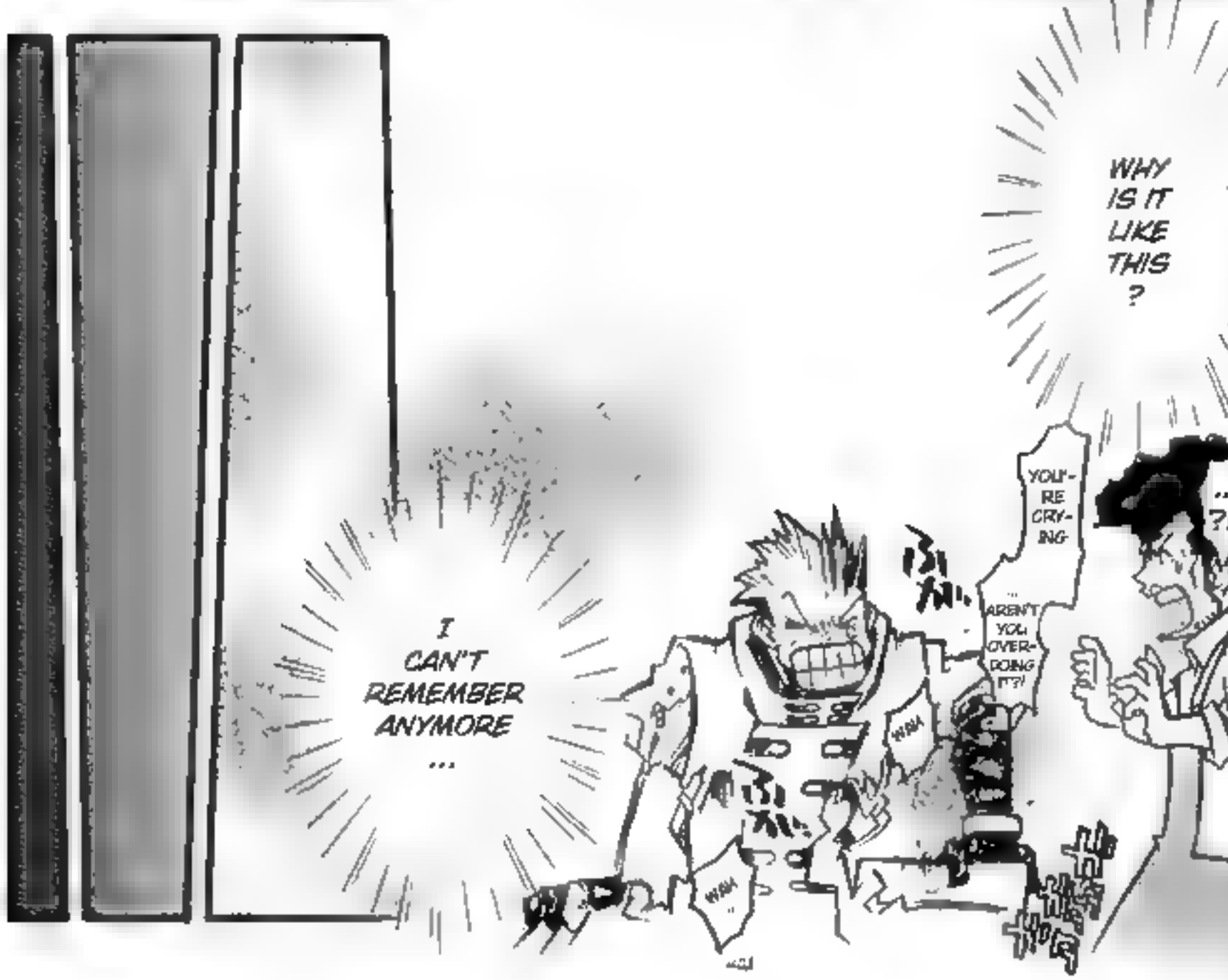
SUCH HEARTFELT WORDS...


I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE ...
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS ?
YOU'RE CRYING
AREN'T YOU OVERDOING IT?!
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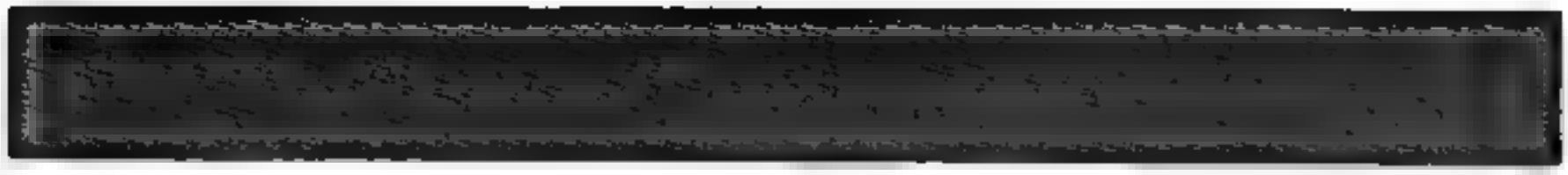

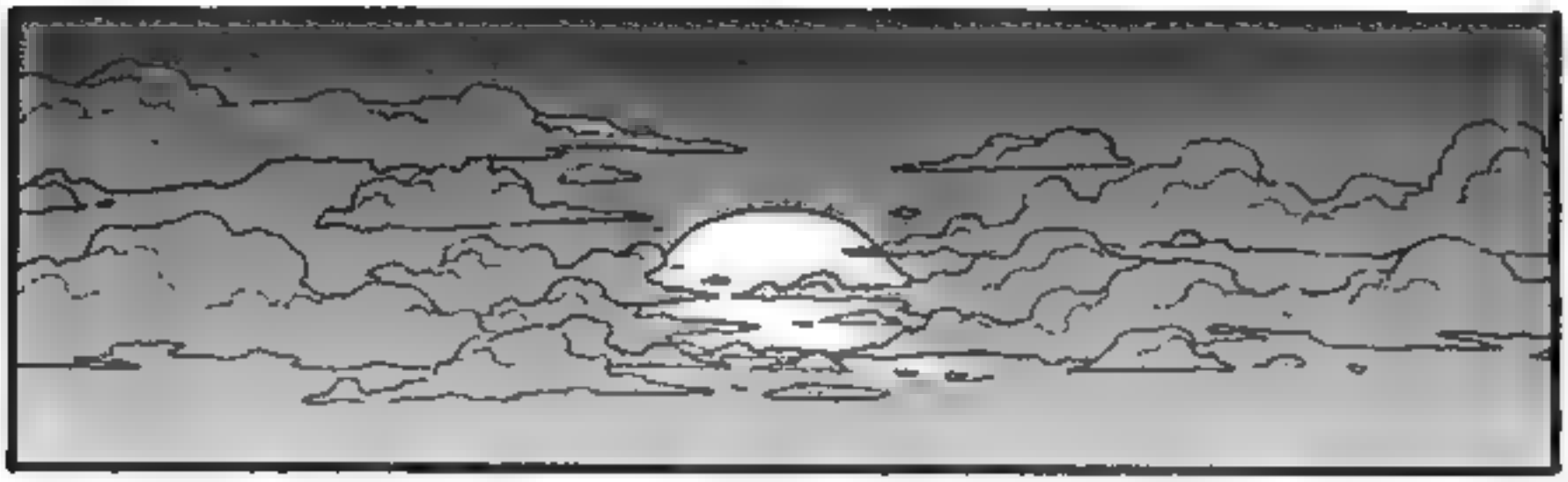

HEY!
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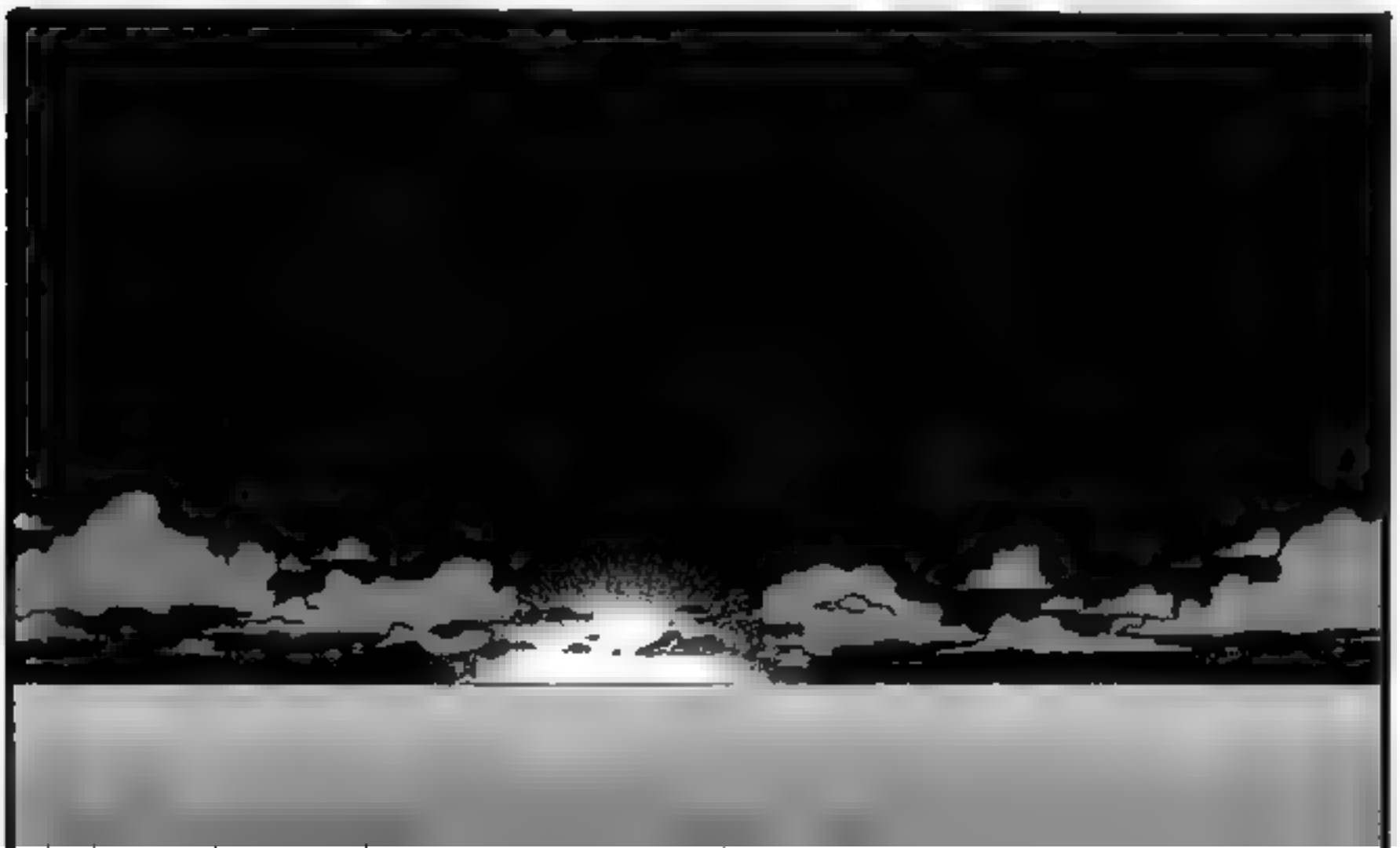
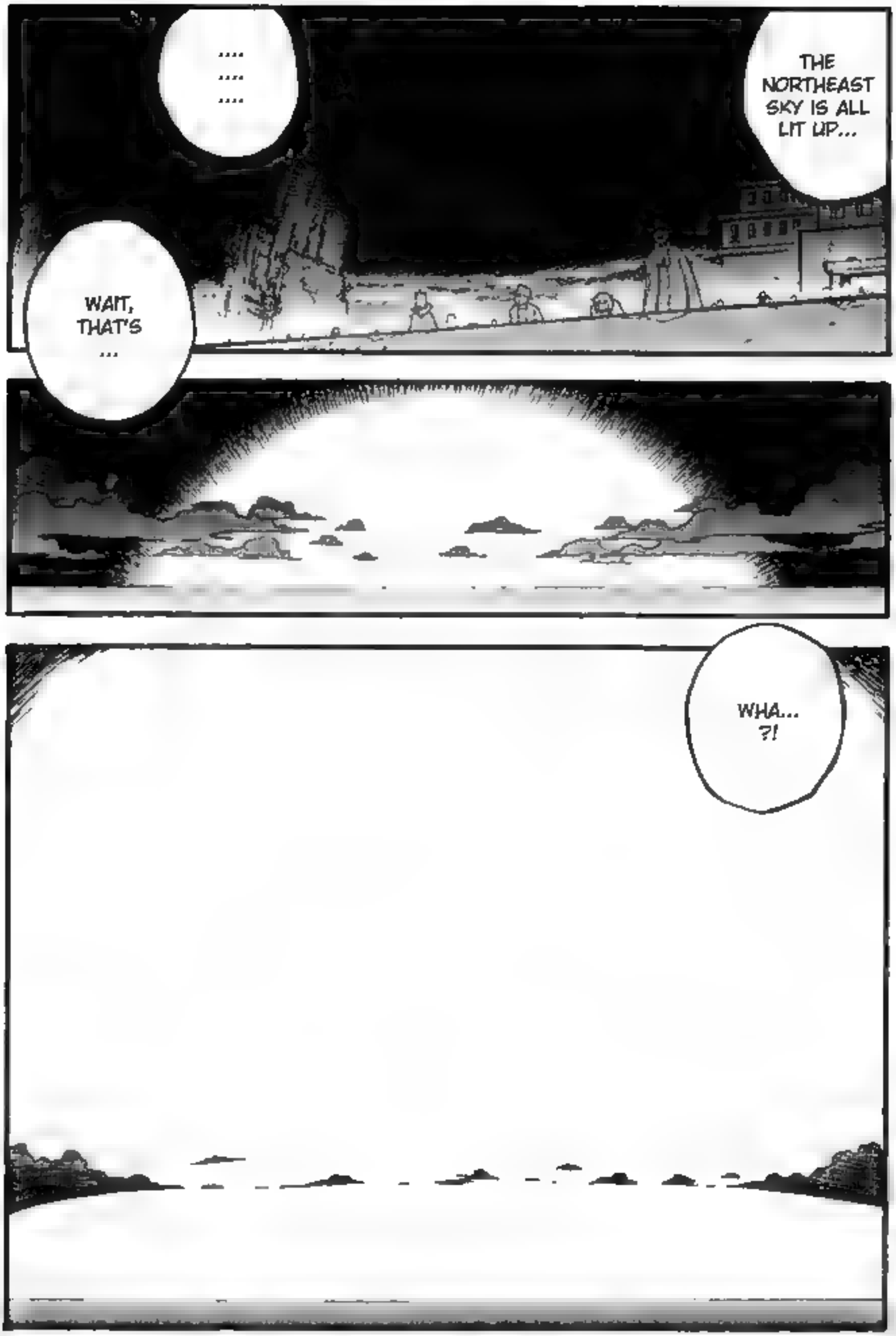
LOOK AT THAT!

HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG ?

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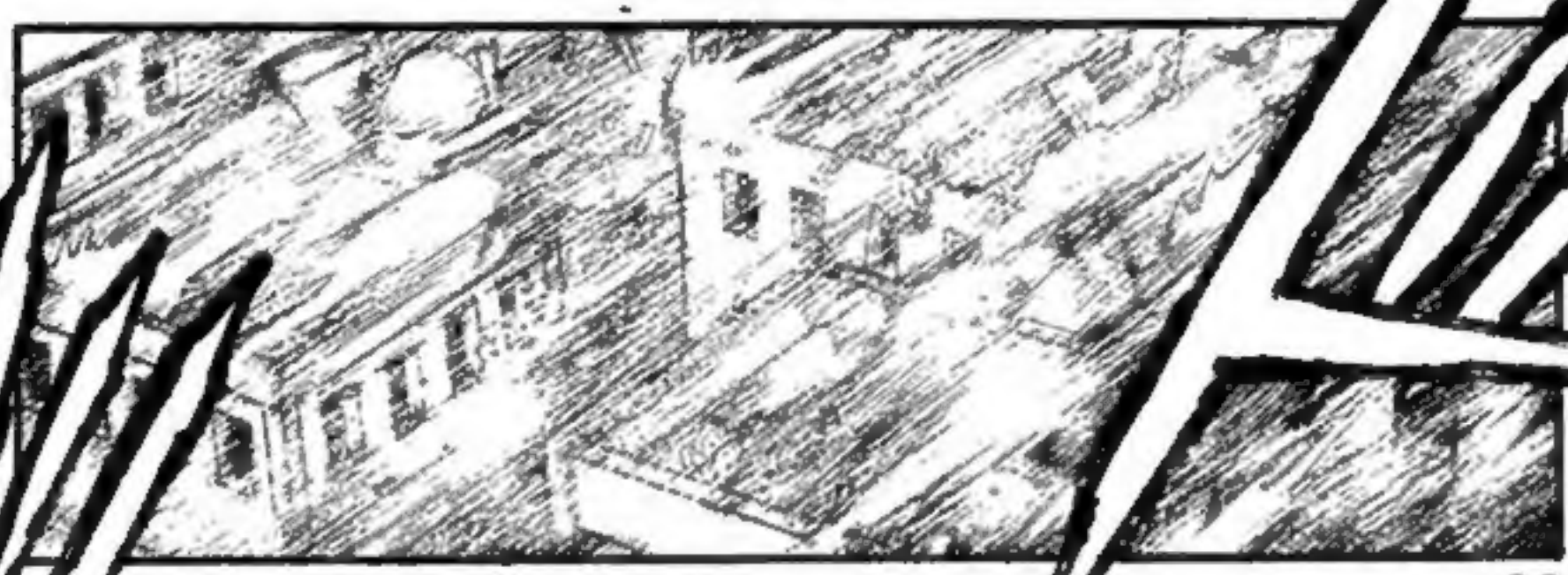
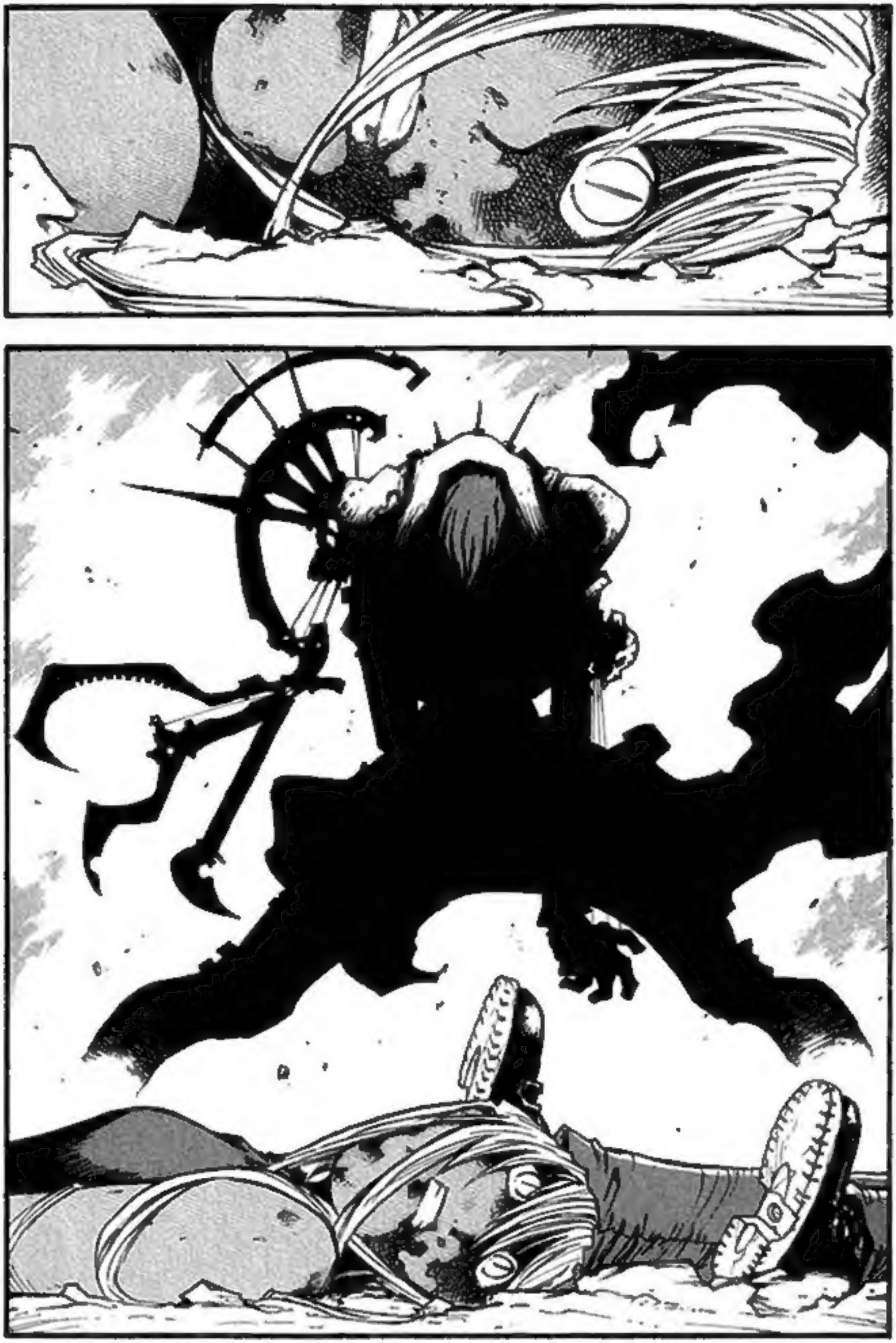
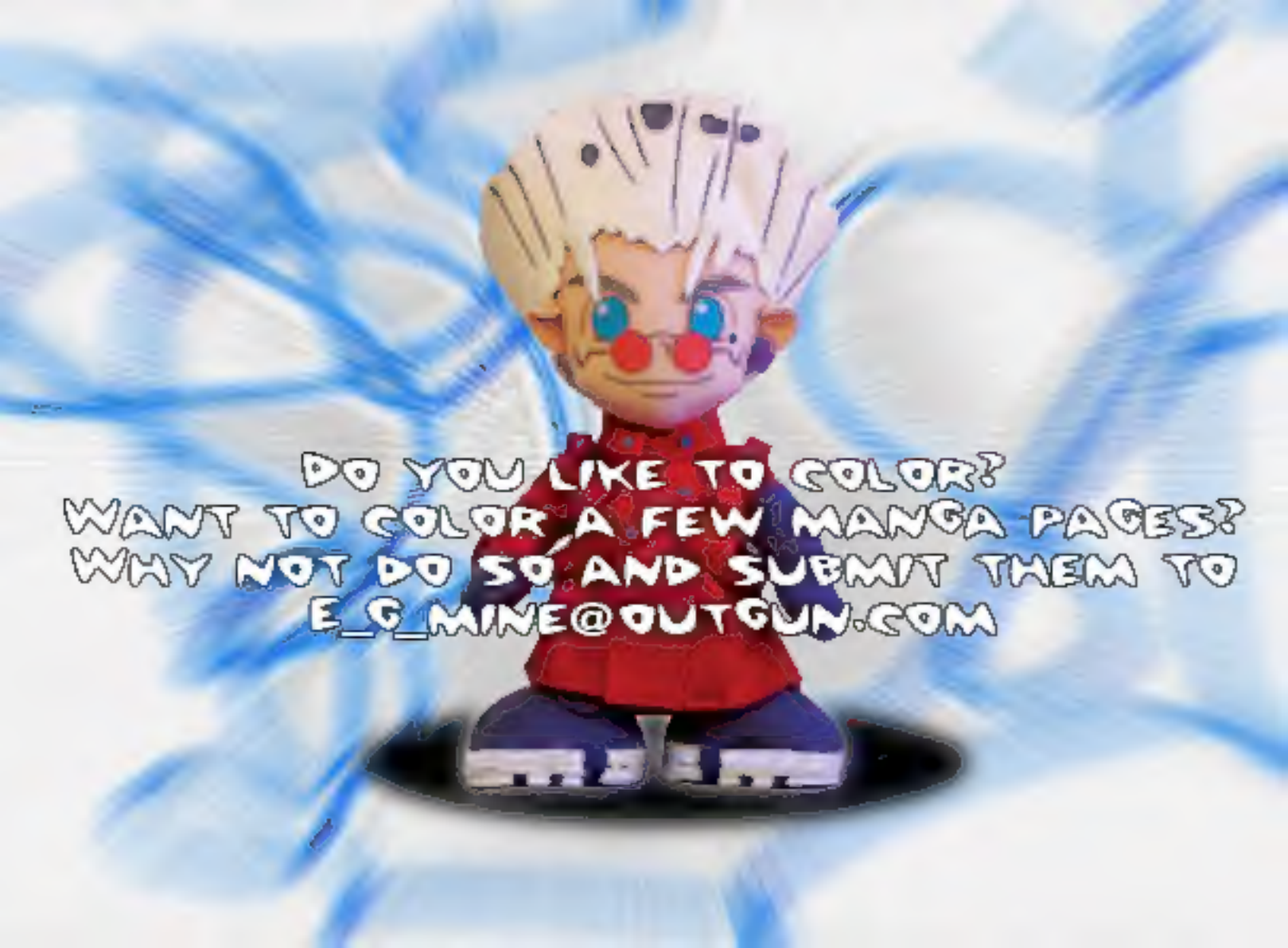
THE NORTHEAST SKY IS ALL LIT UP...
WAIT, THAT'S ...
WHA... ?!



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